

In celebration of Earth Day, the American Center will screen environment and nature-themed documentary films from the American Documentary Showcase at the American Center Auditorium on April 20 and 23, 2010. All events are free and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

April 20, 2010, 4:00 p.m. - "Flow: For The Love Of Water" (2008, 84 mins)

Irena Salina's award-winning documentary is an investigation into what experts label the most important political and environmental issue of the 21st century - the world water crisis--that builds a case against the growing privatization of the world's dwindling fresh water supply with a focus on politics, pollution, human rights, and the emergence of a domineering world water cartel.

April 20, 2010, 6:00 p.m. - "A Man Named Pearl" (2008, 78 mins)

A bigoted remark made in 1976 dissuades Pearl Fryar from moving into a white neighborhood. Told that "Black people don't keep up their yards." Pearl creates an extraordinary topiary garden, which receives over 5,000 visitors a year.

April 23, 2010, 4:00 p.m. - "The Garden" (2008, 80 mins)

The film follows the plight of mostly immigrant farmers from the tilled soil of the United States' largest urban farm to Los Angeles City Hall, telling the story of back room deals, land developers, green politics, poverty, power and racial discord as the farmers organize and speak out while bulldozers are poised to level their 14-acre oasis.

April 23, 2010, 5:45 p.m. - "Red Gold" (2008, 54 mins)

A film about the proposed pebble mine told through the unique and disparate voices of commercial, subsistence and sport-fisherman of Bristol Bay, Alaska that documents the tension between mine officials--who say they will build a "clean" mine that will leave the Salmon's habitat untouched--and local fisherman who oppose the project.

April 23, 2010, 7:00 p.m.-"America's Lost Landscape: The Tallgrass Prairie" (2005, 58 mins)



The film tells the story of how and why the prairie was changed by Euro-American settlement. The film highlights prairie preservation efforts and explores how the tallgrass prairie ecosystem may serve as a model for a sustainable agriculture of the future.

Venue: American Center Auditorium, 4 New Marine Lines, Mumbai 400020. Admission is on a first-come, first-serve basis.